The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, in 1996, the Centre County Board of Commissioners, ClearWater Conservancy and a group of local watershed leaders, who formed the Spring Creek Watershed Community, organized a visit of the International Countryside Stewards Exchange; and

WHEREAS, the Exchange program was a collaborative project that addressed conservation and community development related to the preservation of the Spring Creek Watershed and the quality of life enjoyed in the region of Centre County it represents, and produced a twenty-year vision; and

WHEREAS, following the Exchange, which developed a list of findings and recommendations, the Centre County Board of Commissioners formed the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, subsequently restructured by the intergovernmental agreement between the watershed's municipalities in 2007; and

WHEREAS, major achievements from watershed-wide collaboration over twenty years include: storm water management plan, beneficial reuse of wastewater, regional growth boundary, wellhead protection ordinance, Spring Creek Canyon, Water Resource Monitoring Project, Vision 2020: Living with I-99 study, annual watershed cleanup day, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, Bellefonte Waterfront, extensive studies and planning, numerous awards and recognitions for watershed leadership and a long list of other important accomplishments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim September 10, 2016 as *Spring Creek Watershed Day* in Centre County and a day of Celebration of the many actions taken by the governments, private organizations and citizens of the Spring Creek Watershed over the last twenty (20) years to protect and conserve the natural resources of the Watershed and the high quality of life that its citizens now enjoy.

ADOPTED this 30th day of August, 2016

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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